

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 5-12, and 15-16 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 15-16 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 4, 5, 9-12, 17-20, 22 and 25-27 of U.S. Patent No. 6,912,668 (the parent case).

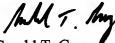
Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer, executed by the undersigned, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c), so as to place all claims in this Application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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